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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: SIGNING OF US- URUGUAY EXTRADITION TREATY

REF: MVD 638 AND 586 AND ORTIZ- STEDMAN TELCON 3/22/73

1. FONMIN BLANCO HAS AGAIN EXPRESSED TO ME HIS DESIRE TO SIGN NEW US- URUGUAY EXTRADITION TREATY WHILE IN WASHINGTON FOR OASGA EARLY APRIL. FONMIN SAID THAT URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR LUISI HAD ALSO CONVEYED HIS DESIRE TO THE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON. THE MINISTER WAS GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT DEPT. APPROVES THE SIGNING IN PRINCIPLE BUT THAT THE PROCESSING OF THE TREATY FOR SIGNATURE IS CAUGHT IN THE DEPARTMENT' S TOILS. IN EFFECT, FONMIN IS WONDERING JUST HOW HIGH A PRIORITY THE US ATTACHES TO COMBATTING INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS.

2. THIS TREATY WAS NEGOTIATED AND INITIALLED OVER SEVEN MONTHS AGO. IT IS A LITTLE HARD TO EXPLAIN WHY IT SHOULD TAKE US ANOTHER MONTH (SEE MVD 586 OF FEB. 23) TO PREPARE THE TREATY FOR FINAL SIGNING ESPECIALLY SINCE THE INITIATIVE FOR IT WAS OURS IN THE FIRST PLACE. WE WERE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND BY REPRESENTATIVE FOR EXTRADITION TREATY NEGOTIATIONS THAT TEXT WAS FINAL AND NEEDED ONLY TO BE PUT IN FINAL FORM FOR SIGNING,
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IN SHORT ESSENTIALLY A TYPING JOB.

3. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, I URGE EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT TREATY CAN BE SIGNED WHEN BLANCO IS IN WASHINGTON. SHOULD WE CONTINUE TO PROCRASTINATE IT IS GOING TO BE VER HARD IN THE FUTURE FOR ME TO SAY THAT THE USG HAS ASSIGNED A FIRST- ORDER ODATORITY TO COMBATTING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, ESPECIALLY SINCE GOU HAS BEEN SO RESPONSIVE TO THIS ARGUEMENT.

4. SYS BLANCO DEPARTS MARCH 27 FOR BRUSSELS WHERE HE WILL SIGN AGREEMENT WITH EEC, HE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING SOME RESPONSE FROM DEPARTMENT BEFORE THAT. OUR PREVIOUS CABLES ARE UNANSWERED.
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